ment. This URC is a Regimental Canteen run by a management committee. The employees of the URC are not Government employees. The Government, therefore, has no jurisdiction to determine the terms and conditions of service of these employees. The Government have not received any proposal for improving their service conditions.

There are sixteen non-statutory departmental Canteens/Tiffin Rooms located in the three Service Headquarters and Inter Service Organisations. There is no separate Canteen exclusively for the Army Headquarter. There Canteens are run by their respective Management Committees. The employees of these Canteen are governed by rules laid down by the Department of Personnel & Training.

[*English*]

Supply of Spares for Bofors Guns

1573 SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the taking over of the Nobel Industries by the Swedish Government;

(b) whether the take-over will affect the supply of spare parts for the Bofors Guns; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure continous supply of spares for the Bofors Guns?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Nobel Industries and FFV, a wholly state owned company of Sweden have set up a new company by the name Swedish Ordnance-FFV Bofors AB on 1.1.1991. Novel Industries and FFV each have a 50% stake in this new company.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Government has taken adequate steps to ensure the continued supply of spares for the Bofors Guns.

[*Translation*]

Maintenance of Bofors Gun

1574. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to newsitem, captioned "Bofors Bharat Main Apna Daphtar Band Karega" appearing in Nav Bharat Times dated October 11, 1991.

(b) whether the Government have imparted Bofors Gun maintenance training to its engineers so that these guns can be maintained properly in the absence of the foreign engineers, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Training of engineers in the maintenance and repairs of the weapon system was a part of the contract and has been fulfilled by the suppliers.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Irregularities in Deposits in Lucknow Branch of State Bank of Indore

1575. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints alleging that the officers